

Applying:

All potential participants must submit an application prior to being considered for the program. Due to such enthusiastic citizen response to the program, applicants are encouraged to apply early! Applications are available on-line or may be obtained through the program coordinator at the listed number.

www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/cpa.asp

Qualifications:

Admission to the program is open to any-one who is at least **18 years of age** or older, has a good standing in the community and is a resident of the City of San Antonio. Further consideration is given to applicants who pass a thorough background investigation.

For More Information:

For more information on class schedules or for an application visit our web-site or contact the program coordinator during regular business hours (7:45 am—4:30 pm) at:

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San Antonio Police Department Training Center

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Mission Statement

The mission of the San Antonio Police Department is to provide quality community-oriented services, while building problem-solving partnerships with our citizens to prevent crime, reduce fear, and enhance the quality of life throughout our community, always treating people with dignity, fairness, and

San Antonio Police Department

Citizen Police Academy



**Promoting Community
Awareness Through Citizen
Participation**

Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy (CPA) was introduced in March of 1994 in order to educate San Antonio citizens about the structure and activities of their police department. While the CPA class is not a “training class”, it is an exciting opportunity to gather “information” while providing a behind-the-scenes look at the various functions within the San Antonio Police Department

Our program operates on the premise that informed educated citizens will be supportive of police officers and the department. Additionally, those completing the program have the potential of becoming more productive within their own neighborhoods and communities.

During the program classroom presentations, lectures and “hands-on” experiences, offer participants valuable insight into the operations of the San Antonio Police Department. These experiences along with the two-way communication established, furthers our effort in improving the quality of life for residential and business communities throughout the city!

Course Objectives

The Citizen Police Academy is designed to build a bond of mutual trust and respect between the Police Department and our neighborhoods. Additionally, the academy highlights the importance of citizen participation in public safety, so that we as a community may remain free from the fear of crime.



Class Topics

Experienced police officers and instructors offer briefings, demonstrations, and engage in frank discussions about police operations with class participants. Topics covered during class include overviews of our department structure, information on police recruiting and training and hands-on workshops in various areas. Some of the areas explored include, but are not limited to:

- Bomb Squad
- Criminal Investigations
- Firearms Training Simulator (F.A.T.S.)
- Firearms Training
- K-9 Unit
- S.A.F.F.E./Cellular on Patrol
- Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT) Vice/Internet Crimes
- Helicopter Unit
- Gang Unit
- Identity theft

Class Schedule

This eleven week voluntary course is offered four times per year. Participants meet one night per week, generally on Tuesday's from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the San Antonio Police Training Academy
12200 SE Loop 410

Citizen Police Academy 2009 Class Schedule

2009-A January 13, 2009 - March 24, 2009

2009-B April 7, 2009 - June 16, 2009

2009-C June 30, 2009 - September 8, 2009

2009-D September 22, 2009 – Dec. 1, 2009



Graduation

Citizens successfully completing the CPA pro-gram receive a Certificate of Completion. Each graduate is then eligible to join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA). CPAAA members meet bi-monthly to discuss on-going operations and needs within the department. Based on those needs, CPAAA members are given an opportunity to volunteer their services towards specified projects.